

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF THE IDAHO--OREGON PLANT:

In our letter to you of February 1, we stated: "We are not here to exploit the community. We wish to save our investment and keep it in this section, and desire only a fair return thereon. Beyond that we wish the people to have the benefit in good service at fair rates."

By "fair rates" referred to in that letter, we showed that we believed the present rates were not fair to you, (but we had nothing to do with creating or establishing these rates,) and our intent was to give you a fair rate as soon as the sale was confirmed by the Court and the property turned over to us.

The people who are now offering "reduced rates" and informing you that you do not enjoy

the same rates as your neighbors, are the very people who had control of and managed the Idaho-Oregon Light and Power Company before it was put in the hands of the Receiver, and they are responsible for the rates you are now paying.

Ask the agents of the Power Trust why your neighbors in the Middleton, Star and Eagle Districts, which are served by them, do not enjoy the benefit of competitive rates.

We are an independent company, and the only Electric Company in this territory not controlled by these Wall Street interests.

All other companies in this territory ARE controlled and operated by the same Power Trust and Wall Street interests.

Please remember we are here representing the

bondholders, of whom there are several hundred—the majority of them of small or moderate means—who desire to save their investment from the ravages of the Electric Power Trust. By co-operating with us you can also save yourselves from being exploited by a combination of promoters, whose real purpose is to drive all competition from the field, and thus enable them to charge the last cent the service will bear.

We ask your consideration for a square deal and trust that you will withhold action until after the confirmation of the sale, at which time we will advise you of the reduction in rates that was intended to go into effect as soon as the purchase of the property was confirmed by the Court.

Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Company

Bondholders Protective Committee



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GERMANS BATTLE IN SNOW WITH FRENCH

(Special to The Argus.)

London.—Signal defeat of the French in the region of Soudain was admitted by Paris. Following a fierce battle fought in a raging blizzard the French forces were driven from their advantageous position in that vicinity. The official statement received from France explains the defeat by declaring the French troops were hopelessly outnumbered and that the blizzard made it impossible for the artillery to render them effective support.

An official statement from Berlin declares more than 200 of the allies were killed and that four officers and 478 men were taken prisoners. The German losses, it is claimed, were but 90 men.

The Germans also claim taking more than 1200 yards of trenches held by the French north of Massiges, to the northwest of St. Menchould. A French attack on Sudelkot, on the Vosges, is reported to have been easily repulsed.

The Germans admit the success of the British aerial raid of Thursday but declare the only damage done by the bombs dropped by the raiders was to the civil population. The raiders themselves claim, however, that a number of military stations along the coast were wrecked.

UNCLE SAM INQUIRES ABOUT HOLDING MAIL

(Special to The Argus.)

Washington.—The United States has sent an inquiry to Germany on the complaint of American Minister Van Dyke at The Hague that German military commanders were interfering with his diplomatic communications with Luxemburg.

A report that some of his mail had been held up by German military authorities, reached the state department from Dr. Van Dyke, Secretary Bryan said. Ambassador Gerard at Berlin was instructed to make representations to the German foreign office.

QUIET STRATEGY DEFEATS RUSSIANS

(Special to The Argus.)

Berlin, via London.—The success of the Germans in east Prussia emphasizes, according to the view held here, the quiet strategy of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, which is designed to strike an enemy when and where the blow is least expected.

After the Russian strength on the Warsaw front proved too great, and a flanking movement became necessary, Field Marshal von Hindenburg decided to choose the left wing, owing to the better equipment of east Prussia with railways and because the colder weather offered better prospects for successful operation, the snow being no hindrance.

Von Hindenburg veiled his plans by reinforcing the Austrians in the Carpathians in order to make a strong diversion and misled the Russians into thinking that the real flanking movement was to be carried out there. Meanwhile he assembled a strong army above the Mazurian lakes, composed for the most part of fresh recruits.

Twenty-six thousand Russian troops, 20 big cannon, 30 machine guns and a large quantity of war material were captured by the Germans in east Prussia in the sudden offense which has sent the Czar's force of invaders hurriedly back in the direction of their own border. The Kaiser was in the vicinity of the operation in person.

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DES MOINES WILL HAVE NO SALOONS

Des Moines.—The city council here refused to grant the saloonkeepers a renewal of their licenses. This means that the 80 saloons of Des Moines will permanently close their doors.

ARIZONA "DRY" LAW UPHeld ON APPEAL

(Special to The Argus.) Phoenix, Ariz.—The state supreme court, confirming the conviction of Louis Gherna in the lower court at Tucson, upheld the Arizona prohibition law on all points.